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Wedding Picture of Daniel Fegan, Jr. and Sarah Magdalena (Dutter) Fegan.

INTRODUCTION

The custom of keeping a diary has declined in recent decades, but the publication of diaries has grown in the same period. This latter statement is true particularly in regard to the various preparations for and the observance of the centennial of the Civil War. Diaries are interesting and revealing: they portray the "life and times" of another era and they inform the reader of the more significant events in the life, or a portion of the life, of the diarist.

The present publication of the Lebanon County Historical Society is the diary kept by a county citizen of a century ago while serving in the Union army on two separate occasions during almost two years of military service. It is not known whether he maintained a diary for earlier or later years of his life.

The diarist, Daniel Fegan Jr., was the tenth child and fourth son of Daniel Fegan Sr. and Magdalena (Killinger) Fegan who were married on November 9, 1817. Daniel Jr. was born in Annville on December 30, 1836. Family tradition states that Daniel had a twin brother who died at birth. Two other children (twin boys) were born later to the union of Daniel and Magdalena Fegan, thus their progeny numbered thirteen.

Little is known of the childhood and youth of Daniel Fegan Jr. except that for some time he attended the Annville Academy, at least during the fall term of 1850 and the spring and fall terms of 1852. Until his enlistment in the Civil War, he lived with his family in Annville, with the exception of the period when his father held the position of sheriff of Lebanon County (October 28, 1852, to November 9, 1855), during which time the family resided in Lebanon. The younger Daniel Fegan learned the trade of cabinet making.

Daniel was mustered into Company K, 93d Regiment, Pennsylvania Volunteers, on October 21, 1861, with the rank of corporal. He was wounded "very bad through my legs and bowels" at the battle of Fair Oaks, near Richmond, on May 31, 1862. Along with other wounded soldiers, Corporal Fegan was evacuated by ship to Philadelphia where he was hospitalized at St. Joseph's Hospital on June 4. He was released from the hospital on July 11, returned home, and was discharged from service on a surgeon's certificate on August 2, 1862.

After slightly more than two months of civilian life, Daniel was enrolled as orderly or first sergeant of Company C, 173d Regiment, Pennsylvania Volunteers, then being recruited, on October 16, 1862, and was mustered into service on the twenty-ninth of the same month. Sergeant Fegan served with the unit, which had been enrolled for nine months' service, until August 17, 1863, on which date he was discharged at Camp Curtin, Harrisburg.

Following his second discharge from military service, Daniel Fegan took up the occupation of farming, in which he engaged in numerous portions of Lebanon and Schuylkill Counties until his retirement at the turn of the century upon the death of his wife. His father died on February 22, 1864, and his mother passed away on December 26, 1866, just a few days after his marriage to Sarah Magdalena Dutter (Dotter) on December 20 of the latter year.

Daniel and Sarah Fegan had ten children, three boys and seven girls. Daniel died on September 4, 1914, at the age of 77, having been preceded in death by all of his brothers and sisters (most of whom lived into their sixties and seventies), his wife (died on April 14, 1900), and two of his sons and five of his daughters.

The diary record of his two periods of military service was maintained by Daniel Fegan in two diaries, one containing entries for the year 1862 and the other for the year 1863. If he kept a diary for the period October 21 through December 31, 1861, it is not extant. Fegan made no entries in the first diary for 1862 from July 22 through November 21. During this period he recuperated at home from his wounds, was mustered into the 173d Pennsylvania Volunteers (October 29), and began training at Camp Curtin, Harrisburg. The last entry in the second diary records his mustering out of service with the 173d Regiment at the same place on August 17, 1863.

Fegan regularly noted in both diaries the nature of the weather. In his first diary, he recorded for several months the names of the persons from whom he received and to whom he wrote letters, as well as the names of the officer of the day and/or the officer of the guard. From the beginning of April into early July, 1863, he recorded in the second diary the countersign of the day. The present publication consists of a selected editing of the diaries rather than a complete reproduction of them. The reader, therefore, will find herein only some of the entries in regard to the weather, letters received and written, names of officers of the day and guard, countersign, and similar items. Spelling and punctuation are presented as found in the diaries. A typed copy of the diaries has been placed in the files of the society.

The diaries are in the possession of Miss Olive S. Kreider, granddaughter of the diarist. Miss Kreider, treasurer of the society, rendered valuable assistance to the editor in the preparation of this publication.

RALPH S. SHAY

Editor



Standing left—Pvt. (later Cpl.) Henry H. Fegan.
Standing right—Cpl. (later First Sgt.) Daniel Fegan Jr.
Seated left—Unidentified soldier.
Seated right—(later First Sgt.) Levi Sheffey.

THE DIARIES OF DANIEL FEGAN JR., 1862-1863

1862

(Inscription on flyleaf: Daniel Fegan Book bought at Washington for the use of keeping the diary for 1862 Whosoever finds this book will please return to Headquarters Company K 93rd Regiment P. V. Washington D. C. D. Fegan)

JANUARY¹

- 1 Formed line of battle shooting of muskets Recieved letter from D. Fegan,² T. Ulrich & John Fegan of Mechanicsburg Recieved box from Isaac Beaver The weather windy and stormy paying 25 cents for box

¹ The Rev. James M. McCarter, pastor of the Methodist Episcopal congregation of Lebanon, who previously had served as the chaplain of the 14th Regiment, Pennsylvania Volunteers, in three months' service, was authorized by Secretary of War Simon Cameron on September 12, 1861, to recruit a regiment of infantry, to be known as the 93d Regiment, Pennsylvania Volunteers, for three years' service. The nucleus of a company, which later became Company A, had already been formed under William M. Derr in anticipation of this authorization and at once occupied the grounds of the Lebanon County Agricultural Society which became known as Camp Coleman in honor of G. Dawson Coleman, the patron of the regiment. Squads and companies soon arrived in such large numbers that sufficient men were in Camp Coleman to entitle them to muster as a regiment on October 28. Since a large number of those initially enrolled were from Lebanon County, the regiment became known as the "Lebanon Infantry." The Perseverance Band of Lebanon was enrolled as a body as the regimental band and remained a part of the unit until all regimental bands were discharged by a general order in March, 1862.

The regiment left Camp Coleman by train on the morning of November 20 and travelled via Harrisburg and Baltimore to Washington where the troops entered barracks after dinner on the following day. After occupying several camps in the national capital and environs during late November, the regiment moved on December 2 to Camp Good Hope, Maryland, about three miles east of Washington, in the vicinity of a hamlet of the same name. The camp was also called Camp Mary in honor of the wife of Col. McCarter. Belgian rifles were issued to the troops, as yet without arms, toward the middle of the same month. The regiment was still encamped at Camp Good Hope on January 1, 1862, the date of the first entry in his first diary by Fegan.

² Daniel Fegan Sr., his father.

- 2 Working at Fort Good hope Had eggs and saussages for supper No drilling during the day camp news not very favorable. The weather being warm and bleasant
- 3 Company drill by Lieut Yagle³ Capt Maidland⁴ officer of the day Lieut Disinger officer of the guards paying 20. cents for pocket Book⁵ and steal pens
- 4 No drilling during the day. Recieved pair shoes from Ulrich Paid 5 cents for half pint oysters Capt. Auther⁶ office[r] of the day. Lieut. Faber⁷ officer of gua[rd] The weather cold and snowing
- 5 Service by the chablain [John Quimby] Dress. parade. Capt. Long⁸ Capt. of day Lieut Black⁹ officer of the guards Sent of[f] letters. to R. Lengle, J. W. Fegan¹⁰ snow. in the evening
- 6 On corpl. duty at Fort Alexandria. Capt Mark¹¹ officer of the day Lieut Egman.¹² officer of guards at fort the camp reports uncertain paid 2 cents for cande
- 7 Returned from Fort with Wm. Saylor. Simon Shay Co. K. Preparing to improve tent in the afternoon. no drilling but Dress parade Recieved letter from Sarah I. Stine
- 8 Three men centenced of court marshaled. for neglect of duty Sham Battle &. dress parade
- 9 The mud was plenty Raining in forenoon Paid 2 cents for cakes

³ 2d Lieut. Solomon Yeakel, Co. K.

⁴ Capt. Alexander G. Maitland, Co. G.

⁵ Diary for 1862.

⁶ Capt. John E. Arthur, Co. B.

⁷ 1st Lieut. Samuel R. Faber, Co. D.

⁸ Capt. John S. Long, Co. F.

⁹ 2d Lieut. Alexander S. Black, Co. I.

¹⁰ Joseph W. Fegan, one of his younger twin brothers.

¹¹ Capt. John M. Mark, Co. D.

¹² 2d Lieut. Charles W. Eckman, Co. H.

- 10 Recieved \$26. pay from Uncle Sam paid 5 cents for cakes Sent \$20. home by D. A. Gruber¹³
- 11 Washing my clothing Raseing [flag] Poll three cheers for flag paid 3 cents for paper.
- 12 Inspecton of arms. and clothing Breaching by Chablain
- 13 Company drill forenoon & afternoon Paid 55 cents for a knife. wrote a letter to D. D. Ulrich S. Stine also we had a football game on the ground
- 14 Capt Daugherty¹⁴ left for Lebanon Recieved letter from H. B. Bodenhorn [Bodenhorn] The weather cold and smokey tent
- 15 No drilling no dress. Parade Recieved no bread. Wrote letter Kate Shifle & John Walters. the weather rainy unpleasant. Recieved letter from. Father. and George. Fegan¹⁵
- 16 On Corporal Duty of 2nd relief The weather pleasand purty cold
- 17 Corporal Farrist¹⁶ in the gua[r]d house Marching orders in a few days The weather warm but muddy Recieved letter from Wm Seagrist
- 18 No drilling on account of the weather. Dress parade in the evening Recieved box from home Jacob Early¹⁷ and Rev. Bishop in camp
- 19 Had no service in camp weather unpleasant raining
- 20 No drilling but Dress parade the weather bad raining exspect to move eny day wrote letter to father
- 21 No drilling no dress parade the weather bad rain and snow Recieved letter from Mrs Benson.¹⁸ also from I. D. Hen[n]ing

¹³ Orderly Sgt. David A. Gruber, Co. K. Sgt. Gruber was a relative of Moses Gruber, husband of Susanna Fegan, second eldest sister of Daniel Fegan.

¹⁴ Capt. Eli K. Dougherty, Co. K.

¹⁵ George Fegan, his eldest brother.

¹⁶ Cpl. John Forrest (Farrist), Co. K.

¹⁷ A cousin of his mother.

¹⁸ Mrs. Eliza Benson, his eldest sister, wife of Samuel Benson.

- 22 Moved from Camp Mary to Camp Edwards Distance about ten miles the weather bad mud plenty. Recieved letter from E. Borgner.¹⁹ Also. D. D. Ulrich
- 23 Recieved letter from C. Gingrich wrote letter to I. D. Henning also to. Mich. Deininger. recieved straw
- 24 the weather cloudy snowing in the evening. The boys playing cards all day.
- 25 muddy under foot. Washing stockings and makeing gutter through street
- 26 Had service in camp. and inspection of arms and napsacks.
- 27 Frederick Fink.²⁰ got sick William Groff in camp Brigade orders read at dress parade. washing my shirts
- 29 I commenced acting quar[ter]master for John Farrist. Col. McCarter Raesingned his Colonelship.²¹
- 30 we had only two meals no dinner on account of the rain
- 31 Our whole company was out on picket. Guarding Tennytown [Tenallytown]. and. church Snowing in the night Slept on a wheelbarrow

FEBRUARY

- 1 Returned to camp Jacob Early in camp with valentines
- 3 The weather unpleasant snowing the whole day Recieved letter from J. K. Fegan²²
- 4 We were practiseing on shooting mark.
- 5 John Farrist Returned from Phil.
- 6 the weather bad washing my shirts & c
- 7 John Eberly²³ left for home
- 8 got three likenesses taken sent of[f]

¹⁹ Elias Burgner, brother-in-law, widower of his youngest sister Rosanna (deceased, 1856).

²⁰ Pvt. Frederick Funk (Fink), Co. K.

²¹ Incorrect information.

²² John Killinger Fegan, his second eldest brother.

²³ Pvt. John Eberly, Co. K.

FRIDAY, JANUARY 31, 1862.

Our whole company was
out on picket. Guarding
Tennellytown. and then
snowing in the night
Slept on a wheelbarrow

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 1

Returned to camp
The weather fine from
above. no drilling in
camp. Jacob Early in camp
with valentines

SUNDAY 2

Company H. had no
inspection. Service in
camp. The weather
fine from above no
dress parade on account
of the wind.

- 9 Three Companys detailed for picket report[ed] at. Tennesley[town] an[d] then returned to camp
- 10 We had Regimental drill about a mile from camp The weather very pleasant. muddy under foot no letter
- 11 I was on guard duty the countersign was Rome weather bad
- 12 A soldier got burried from Comp. G. weather warm plenty mud
- 13 We had Bayonet exercises A soldier died of Co. I Busy over Farrist Court marshal
- 15 No drilling Snowing all day A soldier died in Comp. D.
- 16 I was on guard at General Pecks²⁴ Head Quarters. A prisoner captured, and brought to H. quarts
- 17 I returned to camp a[t] 9½ Oclock. Recieved letter from J. B. Nowlon²⁵ and E. Borgner
- 18 No drilling the weather bad The war news favorable Fort Donelson captured 15000. taken prisoners.²⁶
- 19 No drilling Raining all day no dress parade Sergeants inquireing of geting clothing Recieved letter from Susan Gruber²⁷
- 20 We had inspecton of clothing. Recieved letter from J. Fegan. Mechanicsburgh Washing my clothing
- 22 We had Washingtons address read by Col. McCarter
- 23 We had no service The weather bad no dress parade
- 24 The winds very high. I was on Corp. duty. Company K was detailed for Reverse guards.
- 25 We had Brigade drill in the afternoon Gen Peck commander
- 26 We witnessed the court Marshal of a soldier from the 62nd N. Y. Regt Brigade drill in the afternoon.

²⁴ Brig. Gen. John James Peck, commander of 3d Brigade, Keyes' Division, Oct. 3, 1861, to Mar. 13, 1862, and commander of 3d Brigade, 1st Division, Fourth Corps, Mar. 13, 1862, to June 23, 1862.

²⁵ John B. Nowlon, brother-in-law, husband of his twin sister Fannie.

²⁶ Ft. Donelson on the Cumberland River in Tennessee was surrendered to Gen. Grant on February 16 after a siege of four days. The Confederate prisoners numbered 14,000.

²⁷ Mrs. Susanna Gruber, his second eldest sister, wife of Moses Gruber.

- 27 We had orders to move but is disbanded until fu[r]ther orders knap sacks packed
- 28 We had inspection of arms and clothing and Mustering for pay. Maj. Osterlow²⁸ came to camp

MARCH

- 1 Col McCarter examined a Suave [Zouave] Comp
- 2 I was down at the chain bridge
- 3 George Hower²⁹ an[d] Jeremia Feterman³⁰ left us on discharge. I recieved a pair of shoes. The weather bad rainy
- 4 marching orders to keep ready
- 5 bad under foot. Cornelius Houser³¹ was shot by a sentinel not known weather from camp or not
- 6 Company K. G. and B on picket. Skirmish drill with 8 equaliced companies packets not along
- 7 Secratary and treasuer mad[e] for Comp fund. J. H. Hosler.³² & J. Ward³³ shooting blank cartridge.
- 8 We had Batallion drill in the forenoon. Recieved haver-sacks had a game of ball in Evening the weather fine sunshine the sick were taken to the Hospital
- 9 We had inspection and service by the chaplain. Dress parade in the evening Capt. Derr³⁴ office[r] of the day

²⁸ Maj. John C. Osterloh of the regimental staff.

²⁹ Cpl. George Hauer, Co. K, discharged on surgeon's certificate, Feb. 25, 1862.

³⁰ Pvt. Jeremiah Fetterman, Co. K, discharged on surgeon's certificate, Feb. 25, 1862.

³¹ Pvt. Cornelius Houser, Co. C.

³² Sgt. Jonas F. Hasler.

³³ Sgt. John H. Ward.

³⁴ Capt. William M. Derr. Co. A.

- 10 We left Camp Edward and traveled about nine miles into virginia and camped in a large field on the ground
- 11 We are under orders to go any time waiting on fu[r]ther orders.
- 12 We had inspection of arms. and Batallion drill in the forenoon still waiting for orders to march weather fine
- 13 We had inspection of arms and Company drill in forenoon the weather fine we got orders to march
- 14 We marched from prospect hill to the chain bridge the roads in good order to travel
- 15 We laid at the chain bridge The weather bad raining night and day. Still under marching orders to move in a few days
- 16 We returned Back to Camp Edwards to stay a few days to rest Recieved marching orders to move on tuesday [March 18]
- 17 We are still at Camp Edwards. the weather fine
- 18 We got our muskets changed. for infield muskets.³⁵ we marched in Washington.
- 19 We are still under marching orders to move as soon as ordered Rec Pair of shoes
- 20 We signed the clothing roll The weather rainy sbeck and crackers the order of the day. marching orders all the time
- 21 We had Bayonet exercises by squats. the weather cloudy rainy. also inspection of arms in the afternoon
- 22 W[e] practiced on shooting mark. Gen. Peck was in our camp no drilling. dress parade in the afternoon
- 23 We had inspection in the morning. Service by the Chablain.
- 24 The whol Regiment got gum blankets from the government.

³⁵ The Belgian rifles were exchanged for Springfield rifles.

- 25 We left camp Edwards and stayed all night at Georgetown. with the intension to go in the boats We slept in a hall in the entry
- 26 We left Georgetown at 12 oclock on a boat and sailed all day and night the wind high on the chesapeake Bay We passed M[t] Vernon and Fort Washington
- 27 We arrived at Fortress monroe at half past two Oclock Stayed all night waiting for further orders many steamers on the bay at fortress monroe
- 28 We layed all night on Steamboat till the next day [28th] at 11 Oclock and started for Hampton arrived at Hampton and marched about five miles to camp³⁶
- 29 stayed all night and next day for fu[r]ther orders the weather fine for travelling all the time
- 30 We had inspection of arms the weather rainy all day. heavy firing heard reported that the steamer rebel merimac is sunk³⁷
- 31 still under marching orders

APRIL

- 1 A horse died from pruiise of a stump. I. [and] Wm Achenbach³⁸ made our tent together
- 2 Four Horses ran of[f] from another Regiment Company K. & Co. G Detailed for advance guards. Comp. Skirmishs drill in the forenoon.
- 3 We had intinted to have Review. but marching orders came before we got of[f] By order of Gen. Peck

³⁶ Camp J. W. Smith.

³⁷ While aboard the steamer off Fortress Monroe several days earlier. the soldiers had been able to observe both the *Merrimac* and the *Monitor* which had been engaged on March 9. The information reporting the sinking of the *Merrimac* was incorrect.

³⁸ Cpl. William Auchenbach. He was wounded at Fair Oaks on May 31, 1862, the same day as Fegan, and died of his wounds on July 16 of the same year.

- 4 We left camp J. W. Smith and traveled about twelve miles in the direction of Richmond. tents left behind
- 5 We left our camp at 5 O'clock and traveled one mile. the 93rd detailed as wa[g]on guards. the teams stug fast in the mud. we unslung knapsacks and stoped until 3 O'clock on Sunday [6th] morning. an[d] stoped 3 miles this side of Yorktown
- 6 We came to our Brigade about sunrise. and stayed there till in the evening and then five of our companies were detailed for picket we expected an attack that night. I was on guard the same time.
- 7 We returned to camp. Co. H. & G. were ordered to stay out until further orders. heavy rain. ha[r]d on soldiers. plenty of meat to eat but no bread. General. McClellen³⁹ present
- 8 We are still waiting an attack from warwicks.⁴⁰ heavy firing going on in that direction a heavy rain last night which prevents us from advanceing
- 9 We were laying in the woods no rain during the day but at night. purty hard up we had no crackers for two days. The roads bad and the teams are hardly able to hit through
- 10 We are still lyin in the woods the whole day but in the evening we went out on picket about one mile. we laid at the batterries until the next morning.
- 11 We laid at the Batterrie the whole day still waiting for an attack
- 12 [In the] morning they moved us about two hundred yards from the batterrie expecting shells from the rebels
- 13 I was unwell for several days we are still waiting for an attack from the Rebels

³⁹ Maj. Gen George B. McClellan, general-in-chief of the Union forces between November 1, 1861, and March 11, 1862, and commander of the Army of the Potomac, only, after the latter date, directed the siege of Yorktown beginning on April 5.

⁴⁰ Warwick Court House.

- 14 I was not able to do duty yet we are still under the impression of an attack we are still laying here in the timber weather warm
- 15 I was still in bad health but thought of recovering the rebels had up a flag of truce our Batterries fired heavy on them
- 16 I am still sick but am better we have orders to keep ready as smith⁴¹ has made an attack on the rebels the Batterries left for action
- 17 I was still sick still expect an attack from the Rebels
- 18 I was still sick the weather rainy and unpleasat heavy firing going on
- 19 I was still in a sick condition the weather rainy the whole company was formed for line of Bat[tle]
- 20 I was still sick and no sign of geting better the weather rainy heavy firing heard that night
- 21 I left the company and went to the hospital the weather was fine that day but rained heavy the same night
- 22 I took Breakfast in the Hospital an[d] I expect to stay here until I get better
- 23 I was at the hospital yet the Balloon made its ascension in the evening for a short time. brought no report
- 24 I left the hospital and come to the company I was still sick
- 25 I was not fit for duty yet the weather rainy and very unpleasant still expecting an attack
- 26 The whole day raining I am still on the sick list but am fast recovering
- 27 I am recovering very fast but still not on duty the weather damp still in waiting for an attack
- 28 We recieved pay the third time since in service for 2 month \$26.00 still laying in the wood
- 30 I was not on duty yet but still improving waiting for attacks from the Rebels but no attempt made

⁴¹ Brig. Gen. William F. Smith, commander of a division of the Fourth Corps.

MAY

- 1 Henry⁴² was sick and hardly able to be up I was still without duty
- 2 Henry went into the Hospital. The boys catching eals for good the rebels leaving there fortifications on the othe[r] side
- 3 We were still laying at warwick creek waiting for marching orders my health was purty good
- 4 We travelled about eight miles I was not able to carry my knapsack but put it on a wagonn
- 5 We had the first fight at Fort McGauder [Mcgruder]. near Williamsburgh an[d] a purty hard fight the victory won Capt. shearer⁴³ killed from th[e] 93rd a[nd] several others⁴⁴
- 6 We marched to Williamsburgh. and lay there to rest and wait for provision. and go on for Richmond and other blaces
- 7 We lay at Williamsburgh still waiting for fu[r]ther orders to march burrying the dead from the battle at Wm-burgh
- 8 Still laying at Williamsburg waiting for orders to march and burying the dead from said Battle
- 9 We marched in the morning traveled about ten miles that day [toward Richmond] and lay over that night until the next morning
- 10 We traveled about ten miles that day Co K & Co C detailed as skirmishers we stoped the others went past

⁴² Pvt. Henry Harrison Fegan, Co. K. one of his younger twin brothers.

⁴³ Capt. Green B. Shearer, Co. E.

⁴⁴ Action took place between 2:45 p.m. and 6:00 p.m. The losses of the 93d Regiment, six killed and twenty wounded, were reported to be the heaviest of Peck's Brigade. The only casualty of Co. K was Cpl. Benjamin B. Laucks who was wounded.

- 11 We lay Barramsville [Barhamsville]⁴⁵ on a rest no orders for marching plenty to eat such as it was
- 12 We were still laying at Barramsville but exspect to leave on the next morning the weather fine all along
- 13 We left Barramsville at 7 Oclock and traveled about 8 miles to New Kent Court House arrived at about 8 Oclock
- 14 We laid over at New Kent and waiting for fu[r]ther orders troops going in advance
- 15 We were laying still at New Kent the weather rainy all day the rebels 5 miles from us so reported
- 16 We started at New Kent Court House and traveled about five miles in the Direction of Richmond the roads very bad
- 17 We started at dinner time and traveled about 3 miles called the cross roads the rebels exspected to be only in front
- 18 We were roused up early in the morning and had our arms ready to fight Comp K was detailed for picket duty and Comp E & G
- 19 We were still on picket and had provision for three days and had no time to sleep the whole night
- 20 We were relieved from picket duty and our Regt had moved on monday [19th] our company had to follow them the whole Brigade on scouting
- 21 We started to follow and come in time to return back to camp an[d] in the afternoon we traveled about 2 miles I was on duty in the night
- 22 We laid about one mile from the chickahominy bridge we had a heavy hail storm good many sick in the Hospital
- 23 We traveled about four miles and stoped to rest an[d] right in front of the enemies we had orders to load guns

⁴⁵ Forty miles from Richmond.

- 24 We had been in rese[r]ve of the skirmish of the battle of about 2 miles from the chickaho raining nearly all the time We returned about 5 Oclock back to camp
- 25 We marched about three miles on the road to Richmond. we lay about 8 miles from Rich
- 26 We had the regiment formed in line of Battle But returned back again Co. K. & E were detailed for skirmishes rain at night
- 27 Our Regiment was detailed for throwing up entrenchments the weather fair but very muddy
- 28 Our Regiment was again detailed for throwing up entrenchments at half past two Oclock rain in the afternoon
- 29 We marched about two miles in advance towards Richmond Company K G & E were detailed for fatiege duty
- 30 We went out in double quick it was supposed the rebels would attack us the rain was very severe
- 31 Our company was detailed for fatigue duty afterwards was engaged in a battle [Fair Oaks] near Richmond I was wounded very bad through my leg and Bowels⁴⁶

JUNE

- 1 I started of[f] for the hospital to Philadelphia with the wounded soldiers about 800 in number on one boat

⁴⁶ The losses of the 93d Regiment, which was engaged with the enemy from about noon until about 5:00 p.m., were officially reported as 22 killed, 112 wounded, and 21 missing. Co. K suffered losses of 4 killed, 22 wounded, and 3 missing. Three of the wounded men of the company died during June and July. Among the company wounded, besides Fegan, were Capt. Eli K. Dougherty, 1st Lieut. David C. Keller, Orderly Sgt. David A. Gruber, Sgt. John H. Ward, and Cpl. William Auchenbach, most of whom have been mentioned previously in the diary.

- 2 We still sailed on the Bay passed yorktown the weather was fine very stormy in the night the health of the wounded soterable [so terrible?] [tolerable?]
- 3 We still sailed on the canal and arrived at Phidadelphia at midnight
- 4 I was forwarded to the Hospital st Joseph the weather was rainy all day. B Loucks⁴⁷ G. F. Miller⁴⁸ in the same Hospital
- 5 It was still damp and⁴⁹ rainy The ladies of the College presented the soldiers with [?]
- 6 A soldier by the name of Ramsy⁵⁰ 93rd P. V. died in the Hospital after great suffering from his wounds great many visiter in the hospital to day
- 7 Was a fair and pleasant day in Philadelphia visitors been in the hospital. the wounded appearing to get along well to day
- 8 I[t] was very quiet not many visitors come here my pain was not very bad
- 9 Father Charles Killinger⁵¹ and William Segrist⁵² had been here to see me this was visiting day
- 10 Father Charles Killinger and William Seachrist had been here again they went home this afternoon the weather was rainy
- 11 My wounds were purty well the weather was fair and nice visiting and a good number of folks into day
- 12 the schollars visited us and done nice singing
- 13 Doctor Schneck visited me from Lebanon my pains not much iritible

⁴⁷ Cpl. Benjamin B. Laucks, Co. K, wounded at the battle of Ft. McGruder, May 5.

⁴⁸ Pvt. George F. Miller, Co. K, wounded at Fair Oaks.

⁴⁹ After this word and through the entry for July 21, the entries are in pencil, rather than in ink, so that much of the writing is too faint to be readable.

⁵⁰ Cpl. William B. Ramsey, Co. C, wounded at the battle of Ft. McGruder.

⁵¹ His cousin.

⁵² One of his correspondents.

- 14 my condition still in Bed but no great pains
- 15 Was a quiet day and cool Henry Seagrist and son was
here from Lebanon my wounds geting alon[g] purty
well
- 16 good many visitors here my wounds are doing well got
serinated [serenaded] from turn Organ
- 17 many visitors and great many things Brought in for the
soldiers I am improving and geting better
- 18 Doctor Tomb visited me from Palmyra
- 19 I was still laying in bed my wounds are geting better
strawberry festival near the hospital in a church
- 20 still in bed a few very sick pacients in this ward
- 21 one of the soldiers died in our Ward he belonged to the
105th Regt P. V. his name was Thomas. Huisband
- 22 Was a pleasant day and quiet on the streets my wounds
were still improving
- 23 Was a cloudy day very few visitors in to day wrote two
letters for Sam anderson one for myself
- 24 Was visiting day I got presented with wrapper from Mrs.
Farist [Forrest] the weather rainy thunder just in
the night
- 25 Was a cloudy day showers occasionally got presented
with ice cream and the chablain prayed for us
- 26 Jacob Bar died he was wounded in the kne at Fair Oaks.
- 28 We got moved from our ward in [to] the upper story of the
building 190 sick soldiers arrived
- 29 passed time in reading & talking had good attendanse by
all the sisters
- 30 We got moved from the uper story to our old story again
Reported that Richmond was taken⁵³ if true good for
the union Rec cain for a present from Dr. Moon

⁵³ Incorrect report.

JULY

- 1 Mr Geo. Peter was here. from Annville my wounds improving fast visiting day the hospital very crowded
- 2 Raining Nearly the whole day Recieved letter from Brother Henry. I Recieved clothing from the government
- 3 Charles Killinger and Moses Bowman visited me I had been out the first time in the city
- 4 We had an address mad[e] in front of the building and great fire works in the evening by a great ordiance
- 5 I was on guard from five to ten Oclock There was some of the pacients moved to Broad and cherry street. myself and others were moved up stairs
- 6 There was a funeral the Odd fellows were in attendance of a soldier that died in the st Josephs Hospital the Band was in attendance
- 7 I recieved my Descriptive list⁵⁴ from the Regiment. a thunder and Lightning [storm] in the evening
- 8 Was visiting day C. H. Killinger & D. A. Claite was here and could not find me very warm here plenty to eat
- 9 I was out in the city at the National Hotel and took supper there and returned in the eve
- 10 I got my furlough I was out again and took dinner at the National Hotel and was at Mrs Farrest [Forrest] house but she was not at home
- 11 I came home on furlough and got pay for four month from David Tagger
- 12 I was at home the whole day had visitors plenty
- 13 I was at home the whole day and had visitors all day
- 14 I was as far as John Fegans⁵⁵ but very slow in walking
- 15 I was at Mrs Seagrist and Charles Killinger and other blaces a heavy rain

⁵⁴ Official statement regarding his being wounded for the purpose of establishing eligibility for discharge.

⁵⁵ The farm of his brother, located about one mile from the home of their parents in Annville. It is presently part of the Homer F. Fink farm.

16-18: no entries

19 I visited Yordys⁵⁶ in the evening I was at Steins⁵⁷

20 I was in Sunday School for the first time since enlisted

21 Brother Henry started to join the Regiment⁵⁸

NOVEMBER⁵⁹

22 Left for home at dusk and arrived at Annville at half past 9 O'clock with Capt Jos. R. Henry⁶⁰ and John. Boltz.⁶¹ all was in town

23 I spent day in town and spent the evening with the girl that I left behind⁶² and had fine times all along my pass was not very permanent

24 Come to camp again the weather was very rainy the whole day and we had no drilling our company was on guard

⁵⁶ The home of his third eldest sister Polly, wife of Elias Yordy.

⁵⁷ Possibly the home of Sarah I. Stein (Stine) or George W. Stein, two of his correspondents.

⁵⁸ Apparently Henry had been home on furlough. He continued to serve in Co. K, 93d Regiment, until muster out with the unit on June 27, 1865. Henry was promoted to corporal on November 8, 1864, and was wounded at Spottsylvania, Virginia, May 12, 1864, and at Petersburg, Virginia, March 25, 1865.

⁵⁹ Fegan made no entries in his first diary between July 12 and November 21, 1862, inclusive. He was discharged from the 93d by surgeon's certificate on August 2. The inscription on the flyleaf of the second diary (1863) states that Fegan was enrolled as orderly (first) sergeant of Company C, 173d Regiment, Pennsylvania Volunteers, at Lebanon on October 16, 1862, by the commissioner of Lebanon County, and that he was mustered into service at Camp Curtin, Harrisburg, on October 29, as were most of the other members of the company, by a Lieut. Fetterman. The regiment was enlisted for nine months' service. It is supposed that Fegan wrote no entries in his first diary from the time of his being enrolled or mustered until November 22 since he may not have taken his diary with him to Camp Curtin. It may be that he secured it when he came home on that date for a two-day visit and then resumed making entries in it, again in ink.

⁶⁰ Capt. Joseph R. Henry, Co. C, 173d.

⁶¹ Private John Boltz, Co. C.

⁶² Sarah Magdalena Dutter (Dotter) whom he married in December, 1866.

- 25 We had no drilling but in the afternoon we had a good sport by riding a fellow on a rail by [for] conducting himself as substituter⁶³
- 30 We left Harrisburgh at four Oclock rode in the [railroad] cars to Baltimore arrived at half past 11 Oclock

DECEMBER

- 1 We started a[t] Baltimore at five Oclock and arrived at Washington at half past 11 Oclock the 127th Regt there
- 2 Stayed all nigt and day and waited for fu[r]ther orded we got on the boat at Washington and passed fort Wash. a[nd] Mount Vernon
- 3 We got to Fortress Monroe and stoped for orders at 11 Oclock. We started of[f] at four arrived Norfolk and stayed all night in a church
- 4 We pitched our tents for a pinch to sleep in we are not fixed right yet. but exspect to move to morrow
- 5 Rainy all day. I and other squad was out for Oysters about two miles from camp I and several others were in the catholics cemetery
- 6 We moved our camp where the one hundred fifty eighth N Y Regt Volunteers was camped before us [Camp Viele, three miles from Norfolk] we fixed our tents to stay to day
- 7 It was very cold we had Dress Parrade the first time since we left Harrisburgh the Captain was out of camp to see the Country

⁶³ No entry for November 26. Entries in pencil for November 27-29 are completely unreadable since they may have been written too lightly or may have been erased. Entries for the remainder of the year were also in pencil but are readable.

- 8 We Altered our shanty and had plenty of work to do.
the men in good health and spirits and contented with
oysters and sweet Potatoes
- 9 had for the first time Company drill by Capt. Henry
S[q]uad drill by the sergeants in the afternoon
- 10 We had Co. drill in the forenoon and afternoon and Dress
Parrade Capt Henry was officer of the Day
- 11 We had inspection of Arms and knapsacks by the Col.⁶⁴
and the staff Company Drill in the afternoon. and Dress
parade in the evening
- 12 We were out on drill with the officers in ranks. the colonel
gave us instructions in the afternoon. the Capt not with
us. on drill
- 13 We had no drill in the afternoon. I and Sergeant Shuey⁶⁵
accompanied by Lieut. Boltz⁶⁶ were in Norfolk for
busness of necessity until four Oclock
- 14 We had inspection of arms and napsacks and had the army
Regulations read by Col. Boyer⁶⁷ and afterwards had
service by Rev. Mr. Hober. in the forenoon
- 16 Colonel Boyer and a whole Company of men were up the
River to fetch a raft of Boards and Roofs and other stuff
- 17 The boarding mess was stoped on the officers the weather
was cold an[d] fair Comp drill but small squats being
the men were on extra duty
- 18 the drill in good order few men in the hospital. The men
improveing the camp by makeing additons
- 19 I cooked coffee for two Southern Ladies.
- 20 We had company drill in the forenoon and Policeing in
the afternoon. the weather cold in general and some-
times warm

⁶⁴ Col. Daniel Nagle.

⁶⁵ Cpl. Franklin D. Shuey, Co. C. He was only promoted to the
rank of sergeant on May 3, 1863.

⁶⁶ 1st Lieut. Stephen W. Boltz, Co. C.

⁶⁷ Lt. Col. Zaccur P. Boyer, 173d.

- 21 We had inspection of arms and knapsack and [church] service in the forenoon I and Capt Henry and Lieut Boltz took a walk. over the Bridge
- 22 We had Regimental drill for the first time By Col Nagle. It was supposed the Rebels threw signals
- 23 We had Regimental drill By Col. Nagle in the forenoon the Right and left Generals Guides out on dress parrade for the first time
- 24 I recieved a few articles of provision from home in Wm Seigrists.⁶⁸ Box. this is Christmus. Eve.
- 25 Was Christmus and kept as a Holliday. I and Lieut Boltz had been out of camp to Norfolk Portsmouth and New-town
- 27 We had no Regimental drill and Co drill in the forenoon rained all afternoon and is still raining.
- 28 We had inspection of arms. in the forenoon and also a short Religious service dress. parade in the evening
- 29 Michael Moyer⁶⁹ had acused me of things that were not true and violated the laws of the U. S. A.
- 30 The Muster Rolls were made out for our pay and no drilling except Co drill in the forenoon and D. parade in the evening
- 31 We were mustered for pay By Lieut. Col Boyer of the 173rd Regt P.V. at Camp Viele Thomas Granger and Martin Longernecker Came to the Regt

⁶⁸ Pvt. William B. Siegrist, Co. C.

⁶⁹ Pvt. Michael Moyer, Co. C.

1863

(Inscription on flyleaf: The Property of Daniel Fegan Jr Orderly Sergeant of Company C 173rd Regt. Pa. Militia born in Lebanon County Pa in 1836. My residence is in Annville Lebanon County Pa. Enrolled at Lebanon on the 16th of October 1862 by the Commissioner of Lebanon County. Mustered into service on the 29 of October 1862 by Lieut. Fetterman at Camp Curtin at Harrisburgh Dauphin County Pa)

JANUARY

- 1 As this is the first day of the year we had no drilling and Two of our Companies were detailed to go to town as reserves in the evening Capt Henry. Lieuts Boltz. & Elliott.⁷⁰ went to visit Gen. Viele⁷¹
- 2 Drummer Boy of Capt Ibas. Comp⁷² died. I d[o]ubt the rebels will come here. we also had skirmish drill to day
- 3 We had Co. drill in the forenoon and in the afternoon the Regt was formed and the funeral of George Farnsler was escorted in front by Capt Ibas Comp and the drum Choir the weather was fair and tolerable warm
- 4 We had Comp. inspection in the forenoon and had also service by the Chaplain.⁷³ The Doctor got the Description of Jacob Mantz⁷⁴ to get his Discharge. Wm Long⁷⁵ had his old sbell again

⁷⁰ 2d Lieut. David C. Elliott, Co. C.

⁷¹ Brig. Gen. Egbert L. Viele, military governor of Norfolk, for whom the camp had been named.

⁷² Capt. William B. Ibas, Co. I.

⁷³ Ezekiel Light.

⁷⁴ Pvt. Jacob Mantz, Co. C.

⁷⁵ Pvt. William Long, Co. C.

- 5 A lot of Boxes came by express for the Regt. We had a shower of rain in the evening
- 6 We had drill as usual in the forenoon in the afternoon we went out for drill but the rain drowe us in on double Quick.
- 7 Colonel Boyer and his family and Quartermaster Eshleman⁷⁶ went home on furlough for fifteen days. The Paper reports great Victories in the west⁷⁷
- 8 in the afternoon myself and David O. Shenk⁷⁸ went to town to get paper and on the Road home we met two girls and talked with them
- 9 We had no drill in the forenoon on account of the weather being a little snow on the ground Capt Henry recieved a Box from home and I recieved a Receipt for a Box.
- 10 Wm Dunkel of E⁷⁹ died at the Small Pox Lewis Washington washed out the room for us it was raining all afternoon and we had no Dress parade
- 11 I and several of the men got leave to go out of camp and we went to the Rebel entrenchments There had been service in the forenoon
- 12 We had Regimental drill and practiced on fire motions by Co. and Division and by Batallion Gen. Viele paid us a visit in the afternoon Jacob. Mants got his discharge
- 13 We had Regimental drill in the forenoon and a practice on the Bayonet Charge a private of Company. F. died at Typhoid Fever. in the Hospital
- 14 we went through the emanual of arms by the numbers afterwards went through a few motions. in the afternoon the Regiment was formed and the corps[e] was escorted along the line. by the Comp.

⁷⁶ Quartermaster Benjamin L. Eshelman of the regimental staff.

⁷⁷ Reference to the Union victory at Murfreesboro, Tennessee, Dec. 31, 1862, to Jan. 3, 1863.

⁷⁸ Sgt. David O. Shenk, Co. C.

⁷⁹ Pvt. John Dunkel, Co. E.

- 15 the Orderly Sergeants had a social talk with the Surgeons
about the sick list. dress parad was short on account
of the rainy weather
- 16 The whole Regiment was ordered out on double quig to
Norfolk it was supposed that we would be taken by
surprise. but soon after returned to camp an[d] all
was quiet the weather was stormy and muddy we had
no Regimental drill or Co. drill
- 17 The day was devoted to Company Drill in the forenoon
and the rest of the day for cleaning and policeing. We
have orders to Keep ready at a moments notice
- 18 We had no service in camp on account of the cold weather
The wood ran out and it was very cold the whole day.
- 19 it was rather muddy and our shoes were very dirty we had
orders to detail two men for picket duty. with two days
rations I and D. O. Shenk visited Co. As Sergts. Tent
- 20 Charles Beard. and Joseph Klingler went out on picket.
eighteen miles from Camp. we had no Dress parade on
account of the weather. it commenced to rain in the
evening and is still raining very dark this evening
- 21 We had no Regimental drill on account of the rain the rest
of the day was sbent in Company drill and dres pârade
a Bald Eagle was flying about our camp and took its
leave of absence northward. it is raining at present
- 22 The Bugle sounded for every drill but was soon after
recalled again The weather was rainy and stormy all the
day
- 23 We had no drill was raining all day I was pitching
quakes with A. Carl A. Henry Wm Martin⁸⁰ The
Regiment is very healthy no marching orders yet but
exspect to stay here a while yet
- 24 in the evening I was out in town in the Theater and had
a fine time of it did not return to camp until twelve
Oclock

⁸⁰ Pvts. Alfred Corl, Amos Henry, and William Martin, all of Co. C.

MONDAY, JANUARY 19, 1863.

To day we had Regimental drill in the forenoon it was rather muddy and our shoes were very dirty we had orders to detail two men for picket duty with two days rations the weather was mild and pleasant I and Do Shenk visited Co. A's Sgt's Tent

TUESDAY 20

we had drill as usual Charles Beard, and Joseph Klingler went out on picket, eighteen miles from Camp. we had no Dress parade on account of the weather it commenced to rain in the evening and is still raining very dark this evening

WEDNESDAY 21

we had no Regimental drill on account of the rain the rest of the day was spent in Company drill and dress parade in the evening a Bald Eagle was flying about our camp and took its leave of absence northward. it is raining at present

- 25 We had inspection by Companies and also service by Chablain Light. after that I and a host of others accompanied by Capt Henry were down at Suals [Sewell's] point and seen many things to our own satisfaction. passed over Indian pole Brideg burned by the rebels as they left it
- 26 Lewis Washington Returned from jail
- 27 had the Regiment formed for Batallion drill but commenced to rain so we dispensed with it. The rain is falling fast and no sign of stoping
- 28 We had no drilling on account of the rainy weather The news reached us that Maj. General Burnside has resigned an[d] Hooker is take his place⁸¹
- 29 Moses Early and Samuel Withers were in our camp.
- 30 at two Oclock we got orders to keep ready to march at a moments notice. but did not get of[f]. Capt Henrys wife arrived here.
- 31 It was reported that the Rebels were repulsed at Seffolk [Suffolk] and seems we are not in danger for the present

FEBRUARY

- 1 the army Regulations were read in the morning and after that we had service By Chablain E. Light.
- 2 No Regimental drill as the Staff Officers were engaged at Norfolk
- 3 We had a big snow storm and we had no drilling no dress parrade the weather was very cold and wood was scarce towards evening the war news are tolerable not much stiring no where

⁸¹ Maj. Gen. Ambrose E. Burnside, who had replaced Maj. Gen. McClellan as commander of the Army of the Potomac on November 7, 1862, had failed to bring victory to the Union forces at the battle of Fredericksburg, December 13, and was himself replaced by Maj. Gen. Joseph Hooker on January 25, 1863.

- 4 The snow is still lying on some of the company streets very cold and hard weather on soldiers. There were two men detailed as the report came to our camp that two of our men are missing
- 5 We had no drilling all day it was raining all day and the snow is purty near all gone and the weather is geting moderate
- 6 We had no drilling the weather is still cloudy and a little rain it was very muddy we had no dress parrade and no mail until after night it cleared of[f] towards evening
- 7 We had company drill in the forenoon and afterwards I and. Lieut. Boltz D. O. Shenk and F. D. Shuey⁸² went to town and had a fine time we returned at three Oclock
- 8 we had service by Chablain E. Light in the evening I and D. O. Shenk and Lieut Elliott were over the Bridge
- 9 We had Company drill in the forenoon and afternoon Skirmish drill at my comma[nd] Mrs. Sheets⁸³ and Mrs. Cleaver⁸⁴ started for home and Qrmaster went to Fortress monroe
- 10 in the afternoon we drewed our Bloughs [blouses] Pantaloon and other things to our comfort
- 11 in the afternoon we had no drill and no dress parrade We drewed our new muskets and I drew a sword from the government the weather was rainy in the afternoon
- 12 We had company drill in the forenoon. and regimental drill in the afternoon and had a few sharp Bayonet charges by Lieut Col. Boyer. a privat. of Co. G. died. by the name of Reiland⁸⁵
- 13 The funeral was escorted in the forenoon before the drill We had Regimental drill Co drill and bayonet exercises in the afternoon

⁸² Cpl. Franklin D. Shuey, Co. C.

⁸³ Wife of Capt. Cyrus Sheetz, Co. A.

⁸⁴ Wife of Capt. James R. Cleaver, Co. H.

⁸⁵ Pvt. Samuel B. Riland.

- 14 We had Company drill in the forenoon and the rest of the day was devoted by cleaning the streets and preparing for inspection
- 15 We were to have inspection but the weather proved to be unfavorable and so we only had compan inspection I. Capt Henry and several of our men were on the creek rowing in a boat the weather was rainy all day
- 16 Lieut Col Boyer had command of the Regiment [in drill] and was very cross. A great excitement among the men about leaving it was reported that General King took his [Boyer's] seat in Norfolk
- 17 In the morning at 4 Oclock we were roused up and ordered out on double Quick. to the entrenched line about four miles it was raining all the time and is raining still that was about all the drilling we had
- 18 It was raining all day and very unpleasant to be out the boys from our company were out on Tanners creek shooting ducks and game. Edward Shiffler⁸⁶ is sick and cannot go out of the quarters
- 19 We had no company drill in the forenoon or afternoon. it is still raining in the evening. Lieut Elliott went out on tanners creek for the purpose capturing some kind of smuglers. down on the Elizabeth Run [Pine?]
- 20 I had the company out this morning. Lieut Elliott returned at four Oclock this Morning We got orders to fill our canteens with warter it is expected to hear of an attack and we are to keep ready
- 21 the afternoon was devoted by cleaning the streets. Col. Nagle arrived here from his visit home and several Officers came with him

⁸⁶ Cpl. Edward Shiffler, Co. C.

- 22 It was very disable we had snow and rain. There had been some fuss in the Regiment Capt B⁸⁷ had his sword taken and himself brought to camp for abuseing what the consequencene will be. I am not aware
- 23 Company C went out on picket to relieve Co. H. we stayed all night and had tolerable fine times it was very lonesome we had no guards station during the day along the entrenched line. I had not much sleep
- 24 We returned to camp about nine Oclock Co. E relieved us in the morning. I had a good Breakfast after returning to camp We had the Regt formed for the purpose of selecting Shipbuilders our company did not drill to day
- 25 I had the company out on drill in the afternoon and done purty well S. W. Boltz was Makeing out the Muster Rolls
- 26 I had the company out again and S. W. Boltz was still at the Roles and Capt Henry was officer of the day.
- 27 We got pay for two months and eight days the amount I recieved \$45.30. after being paid our company was detailed to relieve. Co. B. to get their pay Lieut Boltz took . 25 men to relieve Mr. Souders.⁸⁸ Capt. H[enry]. Lt. E[lliott]. & myself took the rest to the Blank [Plank] road
- 28 We were out at the Blank Road Company. B Returned in good spirit after being paid of[f] and mustered for pay. We returned to camp in three squads and god mustered for pay late in the afternoon. the weather was rainy

MARCH

- 1 I and Capt Henry Lieut Elliott went on Tanners creek with the intension to go on the other side but could not and so we returned to camp

⁸⁷ Undoubtedly a reference to Capt. Elias R. Light, Co. B, since the surname of none of the captains in the regiment began with the letter B.

⁸⁸ 1st Lieut. William G. Souders, Co. B.

- 2 in the evening a squad of our men went into town to the Theater. We were also visited by ladies from some other town
- 3 I was in the Gosport Navy Yard accompanied by Lieut Elliott and Alfred Corl I sent forty dollars of my wages home by express
- 4 The weather was fair but cold almost to[o] cold for drill
- 5 This was a cold night the day was cold and we had drill the whole day and dress parraite in the evening in the evening I was in the Theater
- 6 We had drill as usual and the weather was stormy
- 7 We had Company drill in the forenoon and the rest of the time was devoted for Policeing.
- 8 It was raining in the morning and we had no inspection. service by the chaplain. in the afternoon I and several others went out of camp in the cemeterrys
- 9 We had Regimental drill and the Col. was on foot Major Grant Weidman⁸⁹ went home on furlough I got my name in stencil cuting the Boys were blaying Jacob in the evening
- 10 It was raining all day I and Lieut Boltz went into Norfolk to get our pictures taken but failed on account of the weather. Boltz got a new uniform. A private by the name of Dillman⁹⁰ died in the hospital of Co. H.
- 11 It is raining this morning in the forenoon it quit the weather was fine in the evening Dress parrade at the usual hour the troops are moveing to Suffolk
- 12 There was fire in camp a tent burned down in capt Charles Company [E]. no prospects of geting away yet
- 13 To day Colonel Nagles wife came to stay for a while our company went out to establish the railroad line it was purty cold and the boys kept up a good fire

⁸⁹ Regimental staff officer.

⁹⁰ Pvt. Charles M. Dillman.

- 14 This morning we come in from picket and discharged our guns before we went to our quarters the officers got whiskey from the Quarter Master and got a little funny.
- 15 It was very cold the chablain had service in the tent there was a great excitement about the adjutant⁹¹ and the over coats
- 16 the weather was rainy the carpenters mad[e] a new Deposit in the creek
- 17 Brigadier General [Colonel] Nagle was paying us a visit with his wife and one of the aids and his wife heavy cannonading in the direction of Suffolk
- 18 We had Regimental drill for the first time for the last two weeks in the afternoon it was raining we had no dress parrade Capt Henry and Colonel Nagle went to Newport News withe there ladies
- 19 We had no drill it rained in the forenoon and at noon it commenced to snow and snowed all day the boys are busy writing letters
- 20 The weather was very disagreeable it was snowing all day and the camp was very dull. the boys had up there amusement by blaying checker and throwing snow balls no drill of no kind
- 21 We had no drill it stoped snowing the company streets were cleared of the snow and in the evening our company went out on picket we met the quarters in a bad condition. Major weidman returned to camp
- 22 This morning it was very cloudy at dinner the sun was shining and the snow was nearly exhausted. We had no service on account of the bad weather. We returned to camp [from picket duty] at surgeons call

⁹¹ Eugene M. Washburn.

- 23 We had Skirmish drill in the forenoon and afternoon Lieut. Boltz. Capt. Cleaver Capt Faust⁹² and Lieut Sessinger⁹³ were detailed for Court Martial to report at the Court House at Norfolk
- 24 we had skirmish drill in the forenoon and afternoon the boys are all tired of drilling The Orderly Sergeant of Company. I. returned from home his furlough is run out. a good many of the boys went to town tonight
- 25 This morning the camp ground is overflowed with water from a rain last night.
- 26 This was a fine day and the day was devoted by drilling Co A and Co. H. went out on an expedition. Mrs. Henry started of[f] to day. accompanied by Col. Nagle and his wife Number of the boys went out to night
- 27 we had skirmish drill no dress parade. only five comps present. The Theater is closed on account of Mistrust and detratorious motions going on in the city
- 28 at noon it commenced to rain in the evening at five Oclock our company went out on picket it rained very hard during the night we did not get wet any
- 29 We returned in the morning and discharged our pieces After that the companies got orders to sighn the pay rolls and exspected the pay Master to come but failed we have orders to relieve Co. K. as soon as paid
- 30 The Paymaster came at about ten O'clock and paid company A for the first company I had for two months pay and send twenty five dollars home to my parents the rest will do till the next pay day
- 31 we were to go out on picket duty but detaind on account of the rain The boys had a jolly time in the Head Quarters to night

⁹² Capt. John R. Faust, Co. F.

⁹³ 2d Lieut. Henry B. Sessinger, Co. H.

APRIL

- 1 We went on picket relieved Company K. we fixed up the quarters the countersign was Trenton⁹⁴
- 2 I went into town to get my Photographs taken and Henry Orth⁹⁵ with me We had very close examination of two lades she was sent to camp and was found to have a skirt on her person with 16 pockets in it contained paper and envelopes nothing of importance the countersign is Toledo
- 3 great many carts come in the Plank Road. to day eggs are plenty and greens also The countersign is Troy
- 4 commenced to snow at three Oclock and continued to snow until ten Oclock. It was very cold the men were all well supplied with Gum blankets the tide was up very high. The countersign Texas
- 5 This was easter. sunday I and Sergt Coble⁹⁶ went to Norfolk with the letters in the morning. and paid a visit to a cherman family and paid twenty five cents for eggs in the evening I was at the big house the countersign was Bristow
- 6 I went to town in the morning and fetched my Photographs. the roads drying of[f] fast The countersign was Buffalo
- 7 This morning I went up to the entrenchments and came home in the forenoon yet in the afternoon several Ladies visited us The countersign was Baltimore

⁹⁴ Fegan entered in his diary the countersign for the day from this date through July 7. For most of this period, the first letter of the countersign was the same for each day of a week, beginning on Sunday. The editor has not included all of the countersigns.

⁹⁵ Pvt. Henry H. Orth, Co. C.

⁹⁶ Cpl. Henry Coble, Co. C. He was only promoted to the rank of sergeant on May 3.

- 8 F. D.⁹⁷ was drunk and made great expressions. in the evening I was in camp to fetch some coffee. The General [Viele?] passed out the Blank road Col Boyer visited us
- 9 We arrested a Lady and sent her to camp for inspection we also arrested a man and send him to the customhouse and found \$1600.00 in his drawers
- 10 The weather is fine and very warm. We got three men detailed from Co. A. a great many carts sent into town to get examined Capt H[enry]. female Bird died.
- 11 There was a great excitement in the morning two companies had left for suffolk and is exspected to have a fight before long. we have fine weather the pickets are doing well The countersign is Burlington
- 12 The excitement is great more than yesterday. Co. G went out. on guard for deep creek We expect to hear or see a fight before long the countersign is verona
- 13 The excitement is still great heavy cannonading heard in the direction of Suffolk it is reported fighting going on at Black warter. reported favorable on our side. countersign Vicksburg
- 14 cannonading still going on through the whole day no news whatever. the companies all left camp but one the 19th Wisconsin left with tents and all supposed for Suffolk.
- 15 the reliefs got changed. the news are not very favorable Peter Killinger and John Blouch⁹⁸ intend to leave for home to day. at about 7 Oclock we got orders to pack up and cook rations for two days The countersign is Vermont

⁹⁷ Perhaps Cpl. F. D. Shuey, Co. C.

⁹⁸ Probably visitors from Lebanon County.

- 16 General Dix⁹⁹ passed out on the Plank Road accompanied by Gen. Viele and a few other officers inspecting the entrenchments. heavy Reinforcements going up to Suffolk. the news not confirmed.
- 17 the Artillery went out to the entrenched line for the purpose of avoiding an attack I went to town in the afternoon and seen many soldiers fo[r] Suffolk
- 18 sharp orders were issued and no passes were granted by the Provost Marshal. no cannonading heard whatever it is rumored the Rebels are retreating The countersign is Vancouver
- 19 The market cards were not allowed to go any further than the line heavy cannonading going on in the afternoon and night I went to camp in the afternoon no news whatever the countersign is Cumberland
- 20 The cannonading is not much heard of reported that the rebels lost a battery 116 prisoners and 17 Horses. J. J. Klingler.¹⁰⁰ & J. H. Bender¹⁰¹ went in to Gen. Vieles. House with a citizen to get a pass for him The countersign is Chantilly
- 21 it had rained during the night not much marketing. no cannonading during the day. It was reported that Longstreet¹⁰² and his army is captured
- 22 I had been in camp for the countersign. There was more or less cannonading heard in the direction of Suffolk The Doctor visited us to day
- 23 I was in Norfolk to carry in the letters and carry the letters out for the boys the rain made me wet all through no news

⁹⁹ Maj. Gen. John Adams Dix, commander of the Department of Virginia, June 17, 1862, to July 15, 1863.

¹⁰⁰ Pvt. Joseph J. Klingler, Co. C.

¹⁰¹ Pvt. John H. Bender, Co. C.

¹⁰² Lieut. Gen. James B. Longstreet, commander of the Confederate Department of North Carolina and Southern Virginia. The report was incorrect.

- 24 We had rain in the afternoon and not much trouble during the day. a man and a woman come to the lines and were sent to the custom House
- 25 I was down to creek in the afternoon to ketch eels. A new order was issued in the afternoon to the effect of leting none pass except a market pass the countersign is Chramptons. Gap
- 26 I was in camp with H. W. Cameron¹⁰³ took dinner with Lieut Boltz and Chaplain. Light returned with the countersign shortly after dinner. In the evening the old duchman was searched. The countersign is Massachusetts
- 27 We arrested a young fellow that run the Blockade the Colonel visited us and the Quarter Master. the O. Sergeant of Co. C. 177 Regt was here and another sergeant
- 28 This morning it is rainy I went to town for the purpose of fetching the letters. but did not get them We arrested a women and her Daughter and send them in to the Provost Marshal to be examined. The countersign is Maryrland
- 29 at about seven Oclock we had a heavy Thunder Shower. I was in camp in the afternoon for the countersign in the evening I and Capt Henry and Wm Martin¹⁰⁴ went to town with a nigger for private busness
- 30 This morning it is raining We were mustered to day for two months pay by Col. Nagle The same nigger is here and has another dispatch

¹⁰³ Cpl. Henry W. Cameron, Co. C.

¹⁰⁴ Pvt. William Martin, Co. C.

MAY

- 1 The sun shone warm a[ll] day. I. Capt Henry. & four guards searched Mrs. Barnes House but found nothing. The news were not much. The countersign was Michigan
- 2 We have orders to go to Norfolk [for provost duty] waiting to get relieved our things all ready packed and moved over Draw Bridge and come Back here to enjoy our time we have fine Quarters at Ferry Point The countersign was Missouri
- 3 This was a fine morning and we had a nice time here I was down on the Bridge at Picket Post No. 2. with J. Maternes¹⁰⁵ Seen some good Looking Ladies There was cannonading in the Direction of Suffolk We had Roll call at Evening Countersign Drainesrigtes
- 4 I and Segt cameron¹⁰⁶ put up the flag on the Col. Quarters about 50 wounded came down from Suffolk I was in Norfolk in the evening
- 5 the troops are moveing from suffolk all day no news whatever I was in town this forenoon with D. O. Shenk¹⁰⁷ to[o] I had also been to the Hospital.
- 6 I was in town this morning. The mail that was captured was reported to Head Quarters and the fellow by the name of Edmond S. Godfrey was sent to jail on whom the letters were found on The countersign is Delhi

¹⁰⁵ Cpl. John Materness, Co. C.

¹⁰⁶ Sgt. Henry W. Cameron, Co. C. He had been promoted to the rank of sergeant on May 3.

¹⁰⁷ Sgt. David O. Shenk, formerly of Co. C, apparently had been on detached duty at regimental headquarters for some weeks. He had been promoted to commissary sergeant of the regiment on May 3.

- 7 It was raining all day and very foggy. I. Lieut Boltz and several others went out. to a private house to arrest some fellows but could not see any necessity The news from Joe. Hooker¹⁰⁸ are Tolerable.
- 8 á great excitement was up about General Hooker being not successful. in his plans. I and D. O. Shenk went to Norfolk D. O. Shenk. got his certificate of comisary Sergeant.
- 9 the news not favorable from Hooker. I went out in the evening with Wm Dutter¹⁰⁹ as we passed by a house we heard the tune blayed Red white & red I orde[r]e[d] them to stop immediately The countersign is Donnelson
- 10 We had inspection at seven Oclock after which I proceeded to the Court House with my morning report. there had been service by the chaplain. in the evening I had a cice [nice] talk with some secesh The countersign is Mexico
- 11 I was on duty for the first time for a long time¹¹⁰ the rumors of news were favorable about the war. in the evening I was out with the countersign Memphis
- 12 I was in town this morning and also at Fort Norfolk and seen a great many Rebel Prisoners. in the evening I was out to visit some neighbours and had a talk about secesh
- 13 Capt. Henry was officer of the day and stayed in town till 2 Oclock in the Morning. I was to Norfolk in the evening with Lieut S. W. Boltz.

¹⁰⁸ Commander of the Army of the Potomac since January 25, Maj. Gen. Joseph Hooker had pulled his troops back across the Rappahannock River after the defeat of the Union forces at the battle of Chancellorsville, Virginia, on May 2-4.

¹⁰⁹ Cpl. William Dutter, Co. C, brother of Sarah M. Dutter, the girl whom Fegan "left behind."

¹¹⁰ The meaning of this statement is not clear for there is no evidence in the diary that Fegan had been ill or had not been performing his usual duties as orderly sergeant.

- 14 Is ascension day we had a very heavy Shower of rain in the evening. I got box from home I bought a cap in the forenoon in the evening I went to town with Sergt Cameron. countersign is. Miemi [Miami?]
- 15 in the afternoon the Major of the Seventy sixth Michigan was burried and was a fine display Major Weidman had command of the escort
- 16 In the morning I went to town and after that we practiced on target firing with pistols and muskets. and accidentally shot a little pig The countersign Montreal
- 17 It was raining in the morning and we had no inspection. I went to town and retu[r]ned and met two ladies and I carried their child I went to town afterwards with the intension of going to church The countersign is York
- 18 This was beautiful day and a great fuss in our company. The Patroles got relieved. I was in town twice to day.
- 19 I was in town in the morning the men were all displeased about being relieved from their duty in town I detailed thee [three?] men to go to Suffolk to fetch little boats
- 20 all was a bustle in the company and a change was made in the company other cooks were appointed. The countersign is Yucatan
- 21 Col Nagles wife and Eshlemans¹¹¹ wife came intend to stay here awhile. in the evening there was Prayer meeting in the Chaplains Quarters¹¹²
- 22 I was out on the river fishing in the forenoon and afternoon in the evening we were in swimming and had a good time.
- 23 I went to Norfolk and Portsmouth accompanied by William Dutter visited some ladies in the evening I went to Norfolk and visited a few ladies and went home. The countersign is Yorktown

¹¹¹ Quartermaster Benjamin L. Eshelman.

¹¹² This is the first mention of a prayer meeting in either diary. May 21 was a Thursday.

- 24 This morning we had inspection afterwards I went to town and in the afternoon I went to church in the city Hall I was out to the cavalry camp in the evening and got some fine flowers The countersign is Malvern
- 25 cloudy and rained a little I was invited to a picknick in a few days in the afternoon I was out for some Strawberries found a few no rool [roll] call in the evening
- 26 This is still cloudy weather very favorable news in the pape[r] Vicksburgh is reported to be captured by Gen Grants forces.¹¹³ I was in the strawberry patch again
- 27 in the afternoon I and William Dutter attended a funeral of a colored man I eat some cherries we come over the Ral Road Bridge. The countersign was Murfreesboro
- 28 I and Sergt H. W. Cameron were out on the Bridge at picket Post No 2 and visited William Dutter The war news were not confirmed about Vicksburgh
- 29 I was in town in the morning and procured a pass to go to suffolk. The weather was cloudy in the evening I was in town with Sergt cameron and Lieut Boltz
- 30 I and William Dutter, and Amos Henry¹¹⁴ went to Suffolk returned in the evening. Lieut Boltz and six more of our men went on an expedition to places unknown The countersign is Mechanicksville
- 31 had a march through the city only five companies present had a few songs with the boys The countersign is Blackwater

JUNE

- 1 the boys are all in fine spirits The neighbours are mowing grass to make hay. I was in town in the evening and had a plate of ice Cream

¹¹³ Incorrect information. Two assaults by Union forces on May 19 and 22 had been repulsed.

¹¹⁴ Cpl. Amos Henry, Co. C.

- 2 I was on duty and the rest of the sergeants were on other duty The squad from town was relieved
- 3 This is a day of quietness in the evening it was discovered that the comisary was burning and a large quantity of Sanitary property was burned and government clothing. The countersign is Bennington
- 4 I was in town in the forenoon and in the afternoon I was not very well and took a physick and soon after was mending The weather was fair and pleasant all along.
- 5 In the morning I went to town I was not so very well the ladies had a picknick about two miles from our quarters Lieut Boltz returned from cape Henry The countersign was Brandy wine
- 6 It was very warm at noon we shot of[f] the guns for inspection on Sunday morning [7th] in the evening I and Corp. Dutter went to town. The countersign was Buna Vista
- 7 We had inspection in the forenoon and afterwards I went to town. we had a good shower of rain during the night and the dust was settled The countersign was Yorktown¹¹⁵
- 8 This was a pleasant and cool day The darkeys had a Picknick on ferry Point I was there and had a fine time in seeing them dance in the evening I was in Town. Countersign Monmouth
- 9 Lieut Elliott was sick. I was in town this evening Three companies of the 3rd Pa Artillery returned from Suffolk Bound for Fortress Monroe The countersign is Valley Forge
- 10 The war news are very successful at Vicksburgh the 103rd Regt N. Y. Volunteers passed through here to Suffolk. The countersign is Trenton

¹¹⁵ It will be noted that the countersigns for this week were largely names of battles of the American Revolution.

- 11 The first thing in the morning I detailed 17 men to go to Kempsville on a Skout about 120 men in comma[nd] of Capt. Iba. The chaplain had a weding. The countersign was. Germantown
- 12 I was in town this morning. Rations were sent after the squat detailed for skouts The men were in good Spirits the report is that the Rebels are threatening Suffolk The countersign is Saratoga
- 13 a little cloudy The boys were very ancious for amusement. passed the time by throwing the ring Lieut Boltz. & Chaplain had a talk with a secesh The countersign. Stony. Point
- 14 I and severall others took a walk out in the country in the [e]vening we had meeting in quarters it was well attended
- 15 I am not as well as usual I had been very little away from quarters The news are of no account to day no papers to day. had amusement by playing
- 16 This is a beautiful day the news come here that the rebels are in Pennsylvania 10.000 strong I am geting better again but am not very good yumor about the news The countersign is Erie
- 17 It was rumored that the rebels invaded Pennsylvania and troops are going from Suffolk to reinforce Hooker the 19th Wis. Vol passed through here to day.
- 18 the squad was relieved at Cape Henry the rumors are still that the rebels are in Pa. the 99th and 118th passed through here to day the 167th also enroute to Yorktown¹¹⁶
- 19 We had a good Shower of rain today. troops are still passing through to directions not known to men or officers The report that a fight will take place near Bull Run Countersign. Roanoke

¹¹⁶ These were all Pennsylvania Volunteer Regiments.

- 20 The weather was cloudy seven Boats laying at the wharf waiting to transport troops the boys are all in good cheer. no particular news from the army
- 21 I was in town in the morning it rained in the evening [Sunday] had prayermeeting in the chaplains room. There is a great excitement here about renlisting the Regiment for six month¹¹⁷ The countersign is Edwards Ferry
- 22 There was a train of negroes come down from suffolk the 11th Pa cavalry left for to reinforce Hooker I was in town in the evening in the Theater it was late when I come home.
- 23 I went to town in the morning to report I had a good dinner there are not much news from the war it is reported Suffolk is to be evacuated the Niggers are coming down by car loads. Countersign Edenton
- 24 The news were not very favorable. I was in town in the forenoon. I and Capt made out a muster roll. expect to be paid this week yet but doubtful.
- 25 It commenced to rain in the afternoon and is raining still. There was a prayer meeting this [Thursday] evening in the chaplains room There is not much news to day about the war
- 26 It was raining all day The news were not favorable in the morning I was in town at the wharf and seen great many Bomb Shells brought down from suffolk all empty
- 27 I was in town in the morning. troops of one Brig come down from suffolk including the 165th & 166. D[rafted]. M[ilitia]. Pa. Regt. bound for White House The countersign Egypt
- 28 We had inspection this morning no service this evening I was out on Ferry Point with William Dutter. Wrote a letter to Charles Killinger¹¹⁸

¹¹⁷ The nine months' period, for which the regiment had been enlisted, would shortly expire.

¹¹⁸ This is the only mention in the diaries of a letter written by Fegan during his service with the 173d Regiment.

- 29 We got marching orders to march to the entrenched line Ferry Point was evacuated the same night It commenced to rain as we reached the place to camp.
- 30 I and William Dutter fixed up our Tent to bunk in. We detailed ten men and two Corporals for Picket duty. The water was scarce and bad at that. The weather was very warm It is reported that Hooker is relieved¹¹⁹ Countersign Front Royal

JULY

- 1 I had been to Town to report this morning. The squad under command of Capt. Iba¹²⁰ come to our company The boys went out and captured two horses and a spring Wagon
- 2 The day was very warm the boys all fixed up Shade trees in front of their tents in the evening a squad of men went out on a skout a[nd] several shots fell supposed the pickets were attacked. Countersign. Fair (Oaks)
- 3 I and William Dutter took the Horse[s] and Wagon home that was captured by the boys. we come across some red beats and cabbag comeing home.
- 4 The weather was again nice very warm. I was in town in the morning we had glorious news in the paper from Pennsylvania. we had a speech in the afternoon. and the Declaration of independence read countersign Fredricksburg
- 5 We had service in the forenoon by the chaplain a very poor attendance. We also had a quarrel by an old copperhead accusing us by some unbecoming language

¹¹⁹ Hooker, at odds with Maj. Gen. Henry Halleck, general-in-chief of the Union forces since July 11, 1862, had resigned the command of the Army of the Potomac on June 28. Lincoln appointed Maj. Gen. George G. Meade to succeed him.

¹²⁰ See entry for June 11.

- 6 There was a horse shot on the Picket Post by some Bush wacker. The boys butchered a Beef and we lived well on fresh Beef. good news from Penna we had no drilling
- 7 I was in town in the morning the news were good and victorious from Penna. in the afternoon I was out on Picket Post. in the evening we [had] dress Parrade conducted by Capt Clapp of the 148th N. Y. Regt Countersign Grafton¹²¹
- 8 commenced to rain at five Oclock and is still raining. we were to have Dress parrade but the rain interfered. Capt. Henry is late in town to night.
- 9 I was in town in the forenoon In the evening we had Dress parrade I fetched potatoes in the afternoon from an old secesh farmer
- 10 We got orders at 1 Oclock to march to Norfolk to the Military Academy until fu[r]ther orders at three Oclock we arrived. intend to leave not known where we are going to started at 11 Oclock
- 11 Sailed all that night on the warter the Boat was crowded and it was very unpleasant to stay on during the night passed Fort Washington at 5½ Oclock loud cheering We arrived at Washington and proceeded to soldiers rest an[d] got rations
- 12 and got on the cars for Frederick the cars ran into each other and we were detained for several hours on the railroad we were all day on the road stopped a short distance from Fred. slept on the cars¹²²

¹²¹ This is the last entry of a countersign.

¹²² Entries on a memoranda page at the end of the diary state that Pvt. Charles Stout was "charged with Gun accidentally lost between Washington and Frederick on the cars" and that Pvt. Thomas Kreiser was "charged with Bayonet and belt, lost between Washington and Frederick on the cars."

- 13 We lay on the cars until morning and got orders to camp until fu[r]ther orders It commenced to rain in a short time and we had purty hard times Shortly we were detached into a Brigade.¹²³ orders to leave in the morning
- 14 We left Frederick on the morning and traveled about eight miles and stoped a short distance from Middletown. I seen several of the boys from the old 93rd Regt P. V.¹²⁴
- 15 We started at 6 Oclock in the morning and traveled about a mile. When the report came that Lee had escaped across the patomac We started at 11 Oclock for Burlin [Berlin] and traveled about 9 miles and stoped at four Oclock for nights lodging It rained very hard while on the road
- 16 We started at Cramptons gap at nine Oclock in the morning passed through Burgetsville I seen the boys of the 93rd in the afternoon. We traveled about six miles and stoped at Burlin It rained during the night
- 17 It rained during the whole day we are still laying near berlin waiting for fu[r]ther orders either to go home or to move with the army the teams are moveing back and forwards to berlin for supplies
- 18 We marched from Burlin at 11 Oclock and drew Shoes for the men. we are waiting for fu[r]ther orders expect to march at a moments notice troops are crossing all day over we lay all day at Burlin

¹²³ Upon arriving at Frederick, the 173d was assigned to the Army of the Potomac which, under the command of Gen. Meade, was pursuing the Confederate forces under Gen. Robert E. Lee from Gettysburg. The regiment was immediately ordered to report to Maj. Gen. Oliver O. Howard, commander of the Eleventh Corps, and was assigned to the 1st Brigade of the 2d Division, in which it was associated with the 27th and 73d Pennsylvania Volunteer Regiments, and the 134th and 154th New York Regiments.

¹²⁴ The 93d Regiment, which had participated in the battle of Gettysburg, was engaged in pursuit of Lee's army.

- 19 We started in the morning crossed the Potomac and traveled 15 miles Passed Lovettsville we camped about four miles from Leesburgh and got provided with rations for two days the weather was warm and the march long and hard
- 20 We started in the morning at six Oclock and traveled about ten miles in the direction of Warrenton¹²⁵ We stoped all night in the woods. We got provided with meat The weather was warm. the boys kept up well
- 21 We laid the whole day in the woods near Goose creek we drew rations for one day. A private of Company. D. died and was burried to day the bands are blaying all around and times are not very lonesome
- 22 We have been out on fatiegue to day carried boards to lay a bridge across Goose creek the whole Regiment got orders at 3 Oclock to march at a moments notice but did not leave that day any more drew rations for one day
- 23 We traveled about 20 miles we passed through middleburgh started at 5 Oclock in the morning stoped at White Plain for dinner and rested 2 hours and marched about eight miles and stoped at New Baltimore for all night and out of rations nothing to live on but coffee
- 24 We got orders to move we moved a short distance and pitched our tents and laid over all day we have no orde[r]s at present it is supposed that the Rebels will make an attempt to pass through here
- 25 We traveled about fifteen miles from New Ba[l]timore to Warrenton Junction we pitched our tents to stay all night we drew rations for two days the water is scarce

¹²⁵ An entry on a memoranda page at the end of the diary states that Pvt. John Fox was "charged with gun lost on a march from Berlin to Warrenton."

- 26 We laid over pitched our tents fixed up to camp at Broad creek. We started at warrenton at seven oclock and traveled about ten miles on the railroad our men were out on picket in the night
- 27 We got orders to leave for Manasses Junction about four miles from Broad creek station. The cars passed this evening with some Rebel Pris. Troops are passing rapitly from Warrenton junction to Alexandria
- 28 We are still at the Junction doing Picket duty. We live rich on apple sauce and Black Berries The boys are making great threats about doing no more duty after the 29th¹²⁶ rain in the night
- 29 This was a jolly day for the 173rd the boys all got liquor from the office[r]s Doctor Warkel¹²⁷ returned from Alexandria. he brings some of our men along
- 30 it rained in the evening. and the boys are geting dissatisfied and would like to go home I was out picking huckel Berries it was very warm
- 31 the boys are all ancious to go home. great trouble in making the detail we drawed rations for five days huckle Berries are plenty no sign of getting home yet

AUGUST

- 1 It was very warm I was out for huckelberries in the evening (Col) Boyer come from Brists station with his squad of men the Boys are still ancious to go home
- 2 We had service early in the morning by Chaplain Light. at eight Oclock we got orders to move our camp into the woods in the shade. The weather was very warm great many of the soldiers geting sick

¹²⁶ The end of nine months' service since muster into service.

¹²⁷ Probably Horatio G. Worrall, regimental surgeon.

- 3 We got orders to move early in the morning to Brist station we started at sun rise and traveled about four miles Company C was detailed for Patrolling during the night we had great times
- 4 had no duty to perform during the day we drew on rations of meat to day. The weather is very warm and very unhealthy. The boys are very saucy
- 5 The Sunday Patrole squad was detailed for working at the Block house in the evening Company C was detailed for Patrolling and Picket duty it rained a little in the evening
- 6 This was a thanksgiving day from the President but was not take as such by our Regiment The weather was very warm it rained in the afternoon
- 7 I was down at Manasses Junction to fetch Provision I[t] was very warm in the afternoon it was raining Company. C. was detailed for Patrolling it was very dark we stayed till 3 Oclock in the morning
- 8 the orders came that we will go home on the 13th the fatigue squad came in in the morning cavalry troops are going from Alexandria to Warrenton Junction
- 9 We had service in the morning the text was 33rd chapter Ezekiel 11th verse the company Patroles were stoped and squads of each company detailed We found out in the evening that we are going home on the 15th
- 10 We are still waiting for the day for transportation I. and Corp. Dutter. & H. Stetler¹²⁸ went out for apples and Black Berries and returned with a good supply The weather was very warm
- 11 all the Boys are ancious to go home in the evening I and corp Dutter were in the water Batheing. we expect to be relieved in a few days we have very little news from the army

¹²⁸ Pvt. Henry Stettler, Co. C.

- 12 The weather is warm as usual had apple sauce and coffee for dinner the col has gon[e] to Warrenton Junction to turn over the wagons to the war Department hope to start in the morning for Alexandria
- 13 We started at 11 Oclock at Bristow station for Alexandria and stoped at Fair Oaks station a short time (Alexandria at 1 Oclock) We arrived at Washington at 4 Oclock and took a lunge [lunch] at soldiers rest we started at Washington at 8½ Oclock. and arrived at Baltimore at 2 Oclock staid till morning
- 14 We started at Baltimore at 9 Oclock and were detained at Swann Lake did not start out until two oclock an[d] at 8 Oclock at night we arrived at Harrisburgh and marched to Camp Curtin the same night
- 15 We are makeing ready to be mustered out of Service. We returned our arms and coutriments in the afternoon all of the boys would like to go home many went home and did not return yet
- 16 We mad[e] out the muster Rolls all day there was service in the camp I was not in attendance on account of being engaged at muster Rolls
- 17 We finished our muster Rolls and at four Oclock Company C was mustered out of Service Some Comps were paid of[f] and send home the weather was fair and pleasant

